

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-19, and 30 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 10 has been cancelled.

The applicants thank the Examiner for providing an additional initialed copy of the IDS's filed.

The Examiner has rejected claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. While the applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection, the applicants have cancelled claim 10 to facilitate allowance of the remaining claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph asserting that such claims are indefinite for use of various terms.

In particular the Examiner asserts that the claims are indefinite for use of the term "derivatives". While the applicants do not agree with the basis of the Examiner's rejection, claim 6 no longer contains the language upon which the rejection is based. Accordingly, it is believed the rejection is no longer applicable.

The Examiner also asserts that the term "copolymer" is indefinite. The applicants traverse this rejection. A person of skill in the art having full knowledge of polymer technology would have understood that a *e.g.* polyurethane homopolymer or copolymer is a material that is completely a "polyurethane," a "homopolymer" or a polyurethane coupled with one or more other types of polymers (copolymer), such as a polyurethane-polyolefin copolymer. Accordingly, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

The Examiner has objected to claim 8 for use of the term "further." The applicants have amended claim 8 to correct this error. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection no longer applies.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that claims 2-4, 6-9, 11-19 and 30 are all in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the remaining rejections is respectfully requested, and a Notice of Allowance at the earliest opportunity is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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